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Mail Stop-Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Applicant: John S. Fisher and Fred Ahari**  
**For: Sealant Plug Delivery Methods**  
**Our Reference No.: 1139.26.CN**

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Dear Examiner Dryden:

In response to the non-final office action mailed on November 2, 2005, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 dated December 5, 2005 (2 pages);
- 2) Amendment A with Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 dated December 5, 2005 (12 pages);
- 3) One (1) sheet of replacement drawings;
- 4) One (1) sheet of annotated drawings; and
- 5) Self-addressed and postage pre-paid postcard to serve as a receipt for items 1-4.

Very respectfully,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/711,330 Confirmation No.: 5633  
Applicant: : John S. Fisher  
: Frederick Ahari  
Filed: : 09/10/2004  
Art Unit : 3736  
Examiner : Matthew Dutton Dryden  
Docket No. : 1139.26.CN  
Customer No. : 21901  
For : Sealant Plug Delivery Methods

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicants are independent inventors.


**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
(37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this correspondence is being mailed with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 5, 2005.

Date: December 5, 2005

  
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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

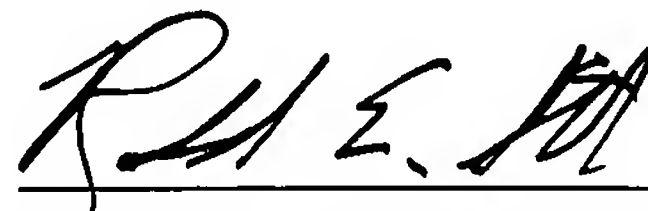
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	8	Minus	8	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0
Indep.	8	Minus	8	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
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- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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**AMENDMENT A**

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 11/02/2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 02/02/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing Figures** are attached to page 6 of this paper and include Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-up Drawings.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.